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9 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of the "Killian Board" Concerning
Current Situation in Cuba

1. On 8 March 1963, the undersigned briefed the Killian Board concerning the current situation in Cuba. The briefing was in accordance with the attached outline prepared by the Office of Current Intelligence. The order of topics was changed, however, to treat Soviet military equipment last in order to provide a bridge to Mr. Landahl's presentation.
2. The members of the Board interrupted with specific questions at several points and showed particular interest in the state of the current sugar crop and the reasons for its short-fall.
3. The briefing lasted between ten and fifteen minutes. There followed a number of questions and considerable discussion among various members of the Board, in particular Dr. Land, Dr. Baker and General Doolittle. Dr. Land and Dr. Baker, in accordance with their own statement, were particularly interested in factors that might indicate the great importance placed by the Soviet Union on the use of Cuba as a command and control center. They felt that this might be even more important to the Soviet Union than the use of Cuba as a base for subversion. I commented briefly concerning the evidence of Soviet interest in communications monitoring and the use of Cuba as a base for trawlers which also on occasion might do electronics intercept. General Doolittle commented that the Board had not necessarily made up its collective mind as to the main thrust of Soviet interest in Cuba at this time.
4. My briefing was followed by Mr. Landahl, who discussed activities in the reconnaissance field since his last briefing before the Board. Time did not permit him to display any photography, but the Board appeared to be quite interested in Mr. Landahl's remarks.

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Attachment a/s

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